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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph has been obviated by amendment and should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 10-13, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Katsavounidis et al. (US Patent no. 7,110,452) has been obviated by amendment and should be withdrawn. The allowable matter of claim 14 has been incorporated into claim 10.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1 and 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Shiiyama (US Patent No. 6,977,963) has been obviated by amendment and should be withdrawn. The allowable matter of claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1.

The rejection of claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Shiiyama (US Patent No. 6,977,963) in view of Katsavounidis et al. (US Patent No. 7,110,452) has been obviated

by amendment and should be withdrawn. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, which is now believed to be allowable.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

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